

they well know, as we all ought to know and do know, that the number of students that are going to, potential students in the next ten years, is declining. We all know that rising costs and limited resources for the state is not going to enable us to continue a level of funding without also reallocating the existing use of funds and probably I would suggest to you that over the next ten years, many of the increases that are requested by all postsecondary educational institutions will not be provided for by increased general fund or increased tuition but it is going to be brought about or funded by the elimination of some existing programs. That is the hard facts of life. Every national article I have read is predicting the same kind of conditions existing throughout the states and this is notice to the Board of Regents that we are cognizant of that same problem and suggest that they put a high priority on the reallocation of their existing resources, not only to reduce the potential increased tuition but also to reduce the potential for increased general fund which is increased sales-income tax.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Merz, do you wish to close on your motion?

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, I move the amendment. I think that there is very few people paying attention and that if no more attention than this, I think we should put it to a vote and see what the feeling is. I move that we adopt the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is that your closing, Senator Merz?

SENATOR MERZ: Yes.

SENATOR SAVAGE: All right, the question is, shall Senator Merz' motion...read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President. Read amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Merz has closed so the question is the adoption of the Merz amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. While you are voting, I would like to introduce some friends of Senator Cope, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shovlain of Kearney in the North balcony. Would you stand and be recognized. Mrs. Cope is up there with them. Have you all voted? Record. Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: I ask for a Call of the House.

SENATOR SAVAGE: A Call of the House has been asked for. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay, for a Call of the House. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to go under Call.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The House is not under Call. Will you announce the vote on the motion?

CLERK: 4 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Merz' amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Merz' motion is not adopted. We go